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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S. MAGAZINE REPORT ON RECENT JAPAN/US
NEGOTIATIONS

1. RECENT NIHON KEIZAI ARTICLE DATELINED WASHINGTON REPORTS THAT U.S. MAGAZINE, "AVIATION WEEK", IN ITS OCTOBER 18 ISSUE, CARRIES ARTICLE STATING THE U.S. THRETNED, DURING RECENT AIR TALKS, TO TAKE "RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST JAPAN IN A FIELD OTHER THAN CIVIL AVIATION" AND TO "PUT PRESSURE ON JAPAN BY SHIFTING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE HIGHEST DIPLOMATIC LEVEL."

2. NIHON KEIZAI ARTICLE STATES MAGAZINE DOES NOT CONCRETELY SAY WHAT "RETALIATORY MEASURES" MIGHT BE TAKEN BUT PRESS ARTICLE THEN MENTIONS U.S. IMPOSED QUOTAS ON SPECIAL STEEL, COLOR TV SETS AND IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS. ARTICLE ALSO ALLUDES TO POSSIBLE U.S. DISSATISFACTION WITH YEN-DOLLAR RATE AND POSSIBILITY OF SOME U.S. ACTION OR PRESSURE THERE.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING MOT HAS FLATLY DENIED THAT U.S. SIDE MADE ANY THREATS ABOUT POSSIBLE RETALIATION ACTION IN ANOTHER FIELD.
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4. COMMENT: WE THINK THIS CANARD ORIGINATES WITH
JAPAN AIR LINES. IF ASKED, WE WILL DENY THAT ANY
SUCH RETALIATORY MEASURES IN OTHER FIELDS WERE
EVER HINTED AT OR EVEN CONSIDERED.
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